

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 700

By Faulk

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Principal Jim Dykes and Volunteer High School upon being named one of *U.S. News and World Report's* Best High Schools.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding schools that have served as beacons of knowledge, unfalteringly providing the finest education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable institution is Volunteer High School, which has been named one of *U.S. News and World Report's* Best High Schools for the second year; and

WHEREAS, the magazine's America's Best High Schools project is an annual report that identifies the country's top-performing high schools; for the second year in a row, Volunteer High School has been named a bronze medal school; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor measures the efforts of Volunteer High School to ensure its students are performing better than statistically expected, that its least-advantaged students are performing better than average for similar students in the state, and that it is preparing students for college-level work; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer High School receives this honor as one of only twenty-seven bronze and/or silver award winners from among 21,786 public schools in forty-eight states plus the District of Columbia, including 320 Tennessee high schools; and

WHEREAS, the assiduous efforts of the entire Volunteer High School faculty and staff have contributed to this honor; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer High School's outstanding accomplishment is a source of great pride for the good people of Tennessee, a state which celebrates a long tradition of commitment to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Volunteer High School for its impressive accomplishment and its dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens and students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Principal Jim Dykes and the faculty of Volunteer High School upon being named one of *U.S. News and World Report's* Best High Schools, commend them for their laudable record of meritorious service to their students, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.